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NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken certain effective steps to speed up the installation of telephone connections in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of categories fixed for providing telephone connections and the category to which telephone connections to the consumer is provided at the earliest; and

(d) what is the maximum time limit under the O.Y.T. and non-O.Y.T. categories to provide telephone service to subscribers in Delhi by MTNL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. Government have been constantly taking all possible steps to speed up the installation of telephone connections in the country. The number of new telephone connections provided in the country each year has been on the increase, the annual growth rate in the provision being more than 20%. This has been possible with opening of new telephone exchanges and expansion of existing exchanges. Advance planning of the network also helps in this area.

(c) The following seven categories are fixed for providing telephone connections.

1. TATKAL

2. OYT- Special

3. OYT - General

4. Non-OYT- (SS)

5. Non-OYT-Special
6. Non- OYT-SWS/Non-OYT-G-SE-DoT

7 Non- OYT- General

Telephone connections under TATKAL category are provided at the earliest.

(d) In MTNL, Delhi, telephone connections are normally provided, in both the categories within 15 days in the technically feasible pockets. However, it may not be possible to adhere to this time period in technically non-feasible areas.